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The Northern Pacific Railway

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WOULD PROSECUTE

Governor Chamberlain Demands Resignation and May Bring Criminal Action.

Governor Chamberlain has threatened to bring criminal action against State Treasurer Steel unless the latter officer takes immediate and active steps to secure better protection for the deposits of state school funds that were made by Steel in the now defunct Title Guarantee & Trust Co.

The threat of Governor Chamberlain was made directly to Steel at the end of a series of conferences between the state's executive and the treasurer. There was no quibbling about Chamberlain's language or his meaning. His avowal was direct.

"When I am fully informed in the premises," he said to Steel, "and am satisfied that the laws have been violated in placing the money in that bank without sufficient security in the name of the state, I shall be compelled to bring criminal action against you. I will do it reluctantly and not from any political reason, but it is my sworn duty to enforce the laws of the state."

Treasurer Steel's surety bond for \$600,000 reads as payable to "his successor in office or to any person authorized by law to receive same, all moneys, records and effects belonging to his office."

Steel will not resign and no action can be brought against the surety company while he remains in office. "It is your duty to resign," said the governor to Steel earlier in the conversation. The governor has the assurance from the district attorney of this district that criminal proceedings will be brought if the laws have been violated.

Gas Well at Payette.

The gas well which the Oregon Gas & Oil company has bored at Payette is now down 785 feet and has experienced several "blow outs" from pockets of gas encountered and it is believed by the experts in charge that a steady flow will soon be found. Another well 14 inches in diameter will be started at once for the purpose of tapping oil which lies below the gas deposit and work will be rushed on this well as rapidly as possible.

A GOOD TIME AT PANIC PARTY

Gorgeous Costumes Worn—Fines Imposed for Numerous Offenses.

The members of the Friday Night Skating Club and invited guests had a most enjoyable time Friday evening participating in the panic party.

For the most part the costumes were gorgeous and elicited applause and comment. Miss Maud Gholson was awarded the prize for wearing the most appropriate costume and the gentlemen's honors went to Mr. Fred Kershaw.

Music was an enjoyable feature of the evening's entertainment and coffee and sandwiches were served for refreshments.

Fines for various misdemeanors were assessed as follows by Mr. S. F. Wilson:

Col. Boyd for chewing gum, 10c; Ira Kemp for having hair parted in the middle, 10c; Henry Dell for going home from rink and changing clothes, 15c; M. L. Watts for not presenting ticket at door, 25c; J. R. Whitehead for wearing a diamond ring, 10c; A. L. Swaggart for selling a car load of hogs on legal holiday, 5c; Dale Preston for being out of gasoline, 10c; Frank Parth for not being at former club meeting, 10c; Merle Robie for spoiling his only suit of clothes, 5c; Walter Judy for "going out in society when so young," 10c; Joseph Scott for having his shoes shined, 5c; Forest Frye for skating all the time with

married women, 5c; Fred Kershaw for being only half dressed, 10c; P. D. Mann because he was no lady, 10c; "Judge" Wilson for monopolizing the fair visitor, 15c; Officer Gholson for not preserving order, 5c; Dr. Plamondon for being mayor of Athena, 10c; Otto Reeder for letting his grandmother fall, 10c; Byron Hawks for smoking a vile pipe in the presence of ladies, 15c; Austin Foss for wearing some one else's clothes, 10c; G. B. Kidder for attempting to personate a "clothing man," 10c; Arthur Douglas for stealing the "Hello Girl" from the public, 10c; Mr. Russell (new druggist) for being in town, 10c; Henry Barrett—who is always noisy—for laughing so loud, 10c; Frank Coolidge for letting a mule kick him while on the run from the mule, 10c; Harry McBride for skating too fast, 10c.

Wealthy Cities.

The value of Pendleton's taxable property as gleaned from the tax roll by Deputy County Clerk R. T. Brown, is \$6,764,286, while the value school of the taxable property in the district is \$7,171,533, says the Tribune. The following is the value of taxable property in other towns of the county: Umatilla, \$127,086; Echo, \$232,896; Pilot Rock, \$82,064; Helix, \$139,379; Adams, \$131,897; Athena, \$691,230; Weston, \$371,652; Milton, \$626,686; Freewater, \$155,590.

Freewater Still Has Fruit.

The Traction company brought over a refrigerator car this morning for the Produce company. This makes seven in the last four days which the Traction company have brought over and it has relieved the situation a good deal. Most of the apples which have been packed have now been shipped and from now on will be loaded direct from the orchards. There are about 15 or 20 more carloads of apples to be shipped out and then the season's crop will be about all taken care of.

Eastern Oregon Banks Are Solid.

The banks of eastern Oregon are demonstrating their staying qualities beyond the shadow of a doubt, and have shown their stability as well as ability to manage their affairs through a mild panic. Confidence on the part of the people will aid materially in carrying our banks through the present financial difficulties, which have placed such a heavy responsibility upon the bankers of the country.—Union Republican.

THE LAST BIG RANCH IN IOWA

It is to be Broken Up and Sold in Quarters at \$90 Per Acre.

The W. G. Adams ranch near Odessa, Iowa, the last of the big ranches of northwest Iowa, is to be broken up into quarter section farms and sold. This is the famous place known as the old "Farmer" Wheeler ranch, its former owner being Hiram Wheeler, who was once the republican candidate for governor of Iowa, but who was defeated by Boies. Wheeler sold the ranch for \$33 per acre to W. G. Adams and went south to invest in Texas rice lands. Adams has made a great success on the ranch, raising nothing but grain, and principally corn. He has a rule to never sell corn for less than a certain price and will crib and hold his corn for several years, or until he does get his price. Mr. Adams figures it that in the ten years he has owned the ranch it has paid for itself, so that whatever he now gets out of the place will represent his profit. He says it will take \$700,000 to swing the deal, and that he will divide the ranch into 40 quarter sections and sell it at \$90 an acre straight. There are 6,400 acres, or ten sections, in the ranch. On the northeast quarter adjoining Odessa there are improvements worth upward of \$25,000, and several other sections in the ranch have extensive improvements. The idea is to sell the ranch for \$90 an acre straight and then let all the purchasers draw cuts to see who gets the improvements for nothing. The ranch has been one of the big show places of northwest Iowa, but the people of the community will be glad to see it broken up, as they feel that forty farms will furnish more business than one big ranch.

An \$8000 Hog.

Clay Center Kansas, is now the home of an \$8000 Poland China hog, the property of C. W. Dingman of Clay Center and Smith Bros. of Alma. Voter is the name of this wonderful hog, and not only is he an \$8000 hog, but he is the finest specimen of his breed in the world, according to hog experts of the United States. Voter won the championship prize over all Poland China hogs of all ages at the Illinois state fair. The Illinois state fair is held late and the winners of all the state fairs held before were there to compete for the prize of championship, which would indicate that the winner was the best of his breed of any age in the world. Voter is not only valued at \$8000, but a half interest in him sold at that rate. He is the highest priced Poland China hog in the world.—Kansas City Journal.

PRIZES TO PUPILS

Essays Wanted by the Oregon Society Sons of the American Revolution.

The Oregon Society of the Sons of the American Revolution offers prizes to the pupils of the public schools of the State of Oregon, for essays on subjects connected with our War for Independence.

Prizes of \$20.00, \$15.00, \$10.00 and \$5.00 will be awarded for the first, second, third and fourth best essays written on any of the following subjects:

1. Washington the Great Leader.
2. The Flag of the United States.
3. The Boston Tea Party.
4. The Treason of Benedict Arnold.

The essays are limited to three thousand words each, must be written in the student's own hand-writing on one side only of the paper, and accompanied by a certificate of the writer's teacher, stating that the writer is a pupil in a designated class, and that the teacher believes the essay to be the pupil's own unaided work. The essay must be signed by the writer, giving also his or her postoffice address. They should be forwarded to Mr. R. I. Ekersen, Chairman of Committee, Room 5, Washington Building, Portland, Oregon, and should reach their destination not later than March 1, 1908.

In awarding these prizes the committee will be governed by considerations of:

1. Originality.
2. Accuracy of Statement.
3. Manner of Treatment.
4. Orthography, Syntax and Punctuation.

These prizes are offered to encourage love of our country and the study of its history.

Any additional information which may be desired will be cheerfully furnished on application to the Chairman of the Committee.

Mothers with little children need no longer fear croup, colds or whooping cough. Bees Laxative Cough Syrup tastes good. It works off the cold through the bowels, clears the head. Guaranteed. Sold by Pioneer Drug Store.

THERE IS MONEY IN BASEBALL

Big Pot Divided by Managers of Successful Major League Teams.

Baseball is a profitable profession for those who can get to the top. The Chicago club, winners of the championship game, receive 60 per cent of the money, which amounts to \$32,760.04.

The Detroit club get 40 per cent as a solace for their defeat, and it amounts to \$21,973.25. Besides this big rake of President Charles Murphy of the Chicago club made his players a present of \$13,000, which increased their sum to \$45,960.04, while President Yawkey of the Detroit club gave the players a check for \$15,000, which netted them \$36,873.25.

Twenty-two Chicago men received an equal share of the money, each man getting \$2,089.09. Nineteen players of the Detroit club split up their money equally, each member of the team receiving \$1,945.96.

To Protect Livymen.

For the purpose of establishing a Livymen's association in Walla Walla, Ed Robbins, of the Robbins Transfer company, of Everett, arrived in the city Saturday, says the Walla Walla Bulletin. From reports his plan has met with success, as preliminary investigation of the local livymen shows the majority of them are in favor of the plan, and Mr. Robbins thinks he will be able to establish a local association without any trouble. The state organization of the association was made last October in Everett, and the chief purpose is to secure state legislation and protection to the livymen throughout the state. According to the present laws of the state of Washington, it is possible for a man to hire a turnout from a livery stable and do just about as he pleases with it.

Wheat Moves at Walla Walla.

Local grain dealers announce that wheat should be moving from the Walla Walla valley to Portland, Tacoma and Sound points in fairly good shape within the next two or three days. Local buyers assert that every indication points to an extra good figure for grain, and it is expected it will be fully as high as it was before money became so stringent. While there is a considerable portion of the crop sold, there is a large amount left in the warehouses waiting to be shipped. There are also considerable amounts in the warehouses adjacent to the city which have been purchased but have not been paid for.

Barley dealers of Dayton and adjacent receiving stations assert that barley for feed and seed will sell for \$2 a 100 pounds next spring. They assert that nearly every bushel of barley

raised in Columbia county was brewing barley, and for that reason commanded a much higher price. A conservative estimate of the barley crop in Columbia county places the amount at 800,000 sacks or about 15 per cent more than was raised last year. It is estimated that 75 per cent of the entire crop is being marketed in the east, most of it going to St. Louis and Omaha. The average price received last year was 90 cents a 100. The highest price paid this year was \$1.52 1/2. Corbett Brothers, probably the largest dealers, are shipping 10,000 tons. Already they have shipped 238 carloads. About 80 per cent of the crop adjacent to Dayton has been shipped and 60 per cent from the Turner extension of the O. R. & N.

Indians Get Deeds to Land.

It is reported here that about 100 allottees on the Umatilla Indian reservation have recently received their patents for their land from the United States government. The Umatilla reservation is nearly all choice wheat land, producing from 40 to 60 bushels to the acre, and is now farmed principally by white men who rent the land from the Indians. But as fast as the Indians get deeds for their land they sell it. Thrifty white farmers are the buyers.

Grow Potatoes in the Air.

W. R. Packwood of Wenatchee expects to evolve a variety of potatoes that will enable a man to gather instead of digging them. He is led to believe this by a strange experience he has had on his ranch in central Washington. He has succeeded in raising immense potatoes on vines above ground, instead of by roots. One of the big fellows weighs four and three quarters pounds. This product comes from the planting of potatoes that grew on top of the vines last year.

Always Was Sick.

When a man says he always was sick—troubled with a cough that lasted all winter—what would you think if he should say—he never was sick since using Ballard's Horehound Syrup. Such a man exists.

Mr. J. C. Clark, Denver, Colorado, writes, "For years I was troubled with a severe cough that would last all winter. This cough left me in a miserable condition. I tried Ballard's Horehound Syrup and have not had a sick day since. That's what it did for me." Sold by Wm. McBride.

GIVING THE NEW LAW A TRIAL

Floyd Huff First Man Arrested for Selling Liquor to Indians.

For the first time since the new state law against selling liquor to Indians was passed a prosecution is now on for that offense here. Floyd Huff is the name of the man indicted and charged against him were made by District Attorney Phelps says the East Oregonian.

Huff was arrested by Chief of Police Guardane who suspects him of having been implicated in a robbery that occurred near the depot several weeks ago. At the time a Yakima Indian was robbed by three Indians of the Umatilla reservation. Minthorn, Mitchell and Corbett, all of whom are now in the county jail.

Huff is accused of having supplied the three Indians with the whiskey which made them undertake to rob their Yakima brother and it is believed he likewise shared in the spoils.

Under the present law the penalty for selling liquor to Indians ranges from one month to a year in the county jail, or a fine not exceeding \$500 or by both fine and imprisonment.

Good Farms Now.

Land that was abandoned by homesteaders who came to Echo in the early days is being filed on. It has been shown that it is among the very best wheat land in the west and of Umatilla county. It lies from two to 13 miles southwest of Echo and those who are now filing on it in 160 acre tracts expect to make some of the best farms in this section. Early settlers on some of these lands had planted poplar trees and had made all arrangements to locate permanently, but abandoned their claims for land they thought might be better. Since then it has been lying idle.

History of the Columbia.

Professor W. D. Lyman, head of the Department of History in Whitman College, is at present engaged in the preparation of a "History of the Columbia River." This book is to be one of a series of twenty volumes on "The Historic Rivers of America," published by the Putnams, and is the tenth of the series. Professor Lyman has a work of considerable importance on his hands, as the book is to be a magnificent one of about eight hundred pages and one hundred illustrations. It will probably be over a year before he completes his investigation, and will be able to put his work in the hands of the publishers. It is considered that the selection of Professor Lyman to write this history is a most signal recognition of his authority on local Northwest history.

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